

Council for Teacher Education  
Minutes  
March 23, 2017

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**Members Present:**

Liz Alexakos, Liz Arcieri, Dottie Bauer, Megan Birch, Suzanne Canali, Mike Fournier, Frank Hoell, Robert McLaughlin, Diane Monico, Alana Mosley, Bonnie Painchaud, Ron Pedro, Laura Thomas, Chris Ward, Laura Wasielewski

**Members Absent:**

Carolyn Cormier, Heather Cummings, Diane Edwards, Kelly Moore Dunn, John Slater

**NH DOE Present:**

Nicole Heimarck, Ginny Clifford, Bill Ross

**WELCOME 12:00**

**SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING LUNCH 12:00-1:15**

Laura Wasielewski called the meeting to order, and gave brief directions and focus for the meeting. Workgroups deliberated from noon to 1:15. Each group should have a note taker, and notes should be emailed to Nicole & Laura.

**BREAK 1:15-1:20**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1:20-1:25**

Laura Wasielewski gave a few moments to review January minutes. She asked if there were any changes/corrections. None were proposed. She motioned to have minutes approved. Minutes were approved as is.

**DOE Report and Updates 1:25-1:45**

**Ethics Update**

Nicole Heimarck gave an update on House Bill 210, code of Ethics for certified educational personnel. "This bill authorizes the state board of education to adopt rules establishing a code of ethics for certified educational personnel" <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB210/id/1441954>

Commissioner's taskforce has been working with the legislature on removing "enforcement" from the Code of Ethics as well as replacing the word "teacher" with "educator". Information regarding Code of Conduct was also shared and the difference between the two codes. Suzanne Canali reiterated there is confusion between Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. Mike Fournier mentioned this would mean fewer people in a school would follow this Code of Ethics as it would only apply to certified teachers, and discussion followed regarding implementation challenges.

**PSB**

\*\*Ginny Clifford NH DOE will forward information to me for follow up to CTE members

**NTEP**

Nicole briefly updated info on NTEP. The snow last week hampered many people's ability to travel, but they were able to get a good deal done. The NH group will meet on 3/29.

**CAEP work group**

Nicole continued with updates. CAEP will be hosting a Site visitor training. New Hampshire has 5 seats available to attend. CAEP will provide for the cost of travel, lodging and the training. Nicole and Laura will be reaching out to IHEs that are seeking CAEP accreditation. Rule # 602.09 highlights that national accreditation is one of the pathways to state accreditation. Given the vague nature of the rule a work-group will be convened to generate guidelines clarifying the rule's intent.

## **State Board - SNHU program approval**

### **GUESTS:**

#### **Diana Fenton 1:45-2:30– discussion of proposed edits to criminal records checks**

Diana Fenton, Attorney, NH DOE gave an overview of what she has been working on since her last visit to this group. “TITLE XV EDUCATION CHAPTER 189 SCHOOL BOARDS, SUPERINTENDENTS, TEACHERS, AND TRUANT OFFICERS; SCHOOL CENSUS School Boards, Transportation and Instruction of Pupils Section 189:13-a School Employee and Designated School Volunteer Criminal History Records Check”

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/xv/189/189-13-a.htm>

A copy of the proposed changes to RSA 189:13a was provided. As a procedural note these changes will not go forward as their own bill, the changes would be added as an amendment to another bill. If it is not ready for this session it will go on to the next. Much discussion followed, with many clarifying questions around implementation. Colleges will need to start looking at their policies now. How will this increase the work load for SAU HR staff? Student teachers may only have one semester in a school, and the HR person will have to get the record check done before the student can begin the semester. Will it make SAUs not want to take on student teachers? Concern for the cost college students will incur was also raised. Also discussed privacy issues, and reciprocity with New England states especially MA.

It was suggested Diana might want to work with the NH School Administrators for their input, and other states such as Pennsylvania put the responsibility on the student teacher by issuing a certificate they can use for one year.

Nicole suggested this issue could be outlined specifically in partnership agreements and MOUs between SAUs/p-12 schools and Colleges wanting to place student teachers.

Diana will check into waivers so the cost will not escalate too high for college students.

Laura Wasielewski asked what would be the next steps. Diana is looking for more feedback. She will reach out to DHHS and School Administrators.

#### **Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, NH DOE 2:30-3:00**

The new commissioner, Frank Edelblut, arrived and Laura asked the members to introduce themselves with their organization and role. The commissioner spoke about personalized education and shared a story of one of his son’s educational journey starting with struggling to read as a child, home schooling, moving on to complete college, and beginning his career with Google.

Bob McLaughlin motioned and Megan Birch seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by show of hands. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15

\*\*update from Ginny Clifford RE: PSB 3/24/17:

PSB subcommittees are currently working on updating:

- All science endorsements
- English Language Arts both 5-8 and 5-12
- Social Studies both 5-8 and 5-12

New endorsement under development:

Computer Science

Recently adopted:

- Para-educator I and II
- Dance
- World Language (formerly titled Modern Language)
- Reading & Writing Specialist \* have completed three years of classroom teaching (formerly 2 years)
- School Social Worker

Ed 506.07 Special Education Administrator ~ additional or increased requirement

\*5 years of experience as a special educator or in a related field

For the purposes of Ed 506.07, experience as a special educator shall include but not be limited to the roles of general special education, speech-language pathologist or specialist, school psychologist, blind and vision impairment, deaf and hard of hearing, specific learning disabilities, intellectual and developmental disabilities, physical and health disabilities, and emotional and behavioral disabilities.

Ed 506.05 Curriculum Administrator ~ additional or increased requirement

\*Have at least 5 years' experience as a classroom teacher